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**Minutes of the**  
**Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**December 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM**

**Delaware Department of Agriculture- Conference Room**

**Commission Members Present**

<b>Beverly Steele</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Patt Wagner</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>George Staats</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Stephanie Liguori</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>

**Others Present**

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario, DSBF Executive Administrator Judy Davis-Wilson and Joe Strug from Dalare Labs.

DHRC staff member: Lauren Torres

*Jack Berberian was not able to attend this meeting.*

*Minutes: Donna Krol*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 10:07 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Immediately following the "Call to Order," the DHRC Commission dismissed to Executive Session. The Commission returned to Public Session after the Executive Session was complete.

**Executive Session:**

*See Executive Session minutes.*

**Return to Public Session:**

At 10:54 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Public minutes from the November 20, 2017 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the public minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Staats and seconded by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

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December 12, 2017**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

RULES MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 16, 2018

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:**

**Executive Director: Activity Summary Report**

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Racing statistics: June**

Total # of Live Racing Days = 17

Total # Live Races = 221

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1,873

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 49.2 %

\*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

**License statistics:**

Total # licenses issued = 275

Total Monthly = \$19,820.00/YTD Total = \$128,550.00.

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines)

**Personnel Activities:**

No Racing 11-23-17 Holiday

Split Sample Collection Drill on 11-15-17

Chief Investigator, Lauren Torres updated the available split sample laboratory list for EPO

**Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:**

Harrisburg Sale 11-5-17 through 11-10-17 with Judy Davis- Wilson.

Matron Races at Dover Downs

DSBF Races at Dover Downs

Continuing Education (USTA Judges School) with Brian Manges & Brent McLaren

Commission Meeting 11-20-17

**Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:**

Reported by: Dan Kazmaier

Total # of Rulings: 9

Total fine amount: \$1,400.00

Post-Race Positive Test: None

Positive Pre Race Blood Gas Test: None

**Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:**

Reported by: Lauren Torres

Total # Human Drug Tests = 22

Positive result: None

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 896, average 53/day, Positive result – None

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 40 no violations/seizures

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**Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:** cont'd....

**Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:**

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # of starters = 1,873

Post- Race Testing:

222 Blood samples were collected.

192 Urine samples

30 incomplete collections (no urine)

Catch Rate = 86.5%, average time per catch was 36.1 minutes

Judge's Special Tests: 1

Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None

Accident On/Off Track: None

2 A-Fib, 0 Breakdown, 44 scratches (Sick & Vet)

**OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:**

Qualifier Testing on 12-6-17, 6 Horses Tested (Blood) 2 Horses Full Tested Blood/Urine.

**FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT, Requests:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:**

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the public session.

Motion was carried by Vice Chairman Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Liguori.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 10:00 AM**

**Next Rules Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM**

**Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled TBD**